

NAVY GUNS AND MEN TO BE PLACED ON LINERS

**Official Notification Issued to
All Powers of American In-
tention to Protect Vessels in
Barred Zone; Work Complete**

CANNOT CLASS BOATS
AS WARSHIPS, IS HELD

Inventors Busy on Methods of Submarine Detection; Ample Provision for Safety Is Now Declared to Have Been Made

By Carl D. Groat,
United Press Staff Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, March 12.—As
"armed guard" for the protection of
vessels and lives of persons aboard
will be placed on each of the

The following statement was presented to the foreign diplomats "for their information":

"In view of the announcement of the Imperial German government of January 31, 1917; that all ships, those of neutrals included, met within certain zones of the high seas would be sunk without any precautions being taken for the safety of the persons on board and without the exercise of visit and search rights."

The United States has determined to place upon all American merchant vessels sailing through the barred areas an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board."

The official notice will serve to warn submarines of the allied powers as to America's intentions.

likelihood that the armed ships will make mistakes as to recognizing the nationality of submarines.

AMERICAN GUNNERS.

The "armed guard" will be American navy gunners. The official statement shows, too, that it is the intention of the government to arm

The statement to the foreign diplomats cleared up definitely the question of whether navy gunners would be used.

The state department holds that the presence of these war

The vessel becomes a warship only when used definitely for that purpose, the department rules.

The state department held that regardless of whether or not secret orders were issued to the gunners, armed vessels were not warships.

armed merchant ships could not be classed as warships, though Germany has claimed that Great Britain's secret orders made her armed ships actual war vessels.

While the state department was making this definite announcement, presumably at the direction of President Wilson, the navy department was

refusing any details as to its plans. American Inventive genius, it is known, however, has been called upon to give aid in protecting American ships venturing forth soon into Germany's barred death area.

United States inventors, including the electrical wizard, Thomas A. Edison, are trying to design methods of

sheltering merchantmen from all German undersea boats. These new inventions will be installed in the armed vessels, provided they meet with government approval.

What the plans are will be withheld for military reasons, but it is admitted a perfected smoke screen may be one means employed.

ships now use a device, artificial smoke from chemicals, that hides a vessel behind an impenetrable screen.

ELECTRIC DETECTORS.

Electric methods of detecting submarines, improving upon the present microphone attachments, may be invented. But in keeping with the ad-

The work of arming merchantmen should occupy only a few more days and then American commerce will be freed from the bonds that have kept it in American harbors.

Man Who Served 26 Years Is Pardoned

BRITISH TAKE BAGDAD, TURKS ABANDON GUNS

Chancellor Andrew Bonar Law Tells Commons Two-thirds of Mussulmans' Artillery Is Deserted or Thrown in Tigris

LONDON, March 12.—After announcing the fall of Bagdad in the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the Exchequer, said there was every reason to believe that two-thirds of the Turkish artillery had fallen into the hands of the British or had been thrown into the Tigris.

A brief despatch from General Maude indicated today that the British made no large capture of prisoners. The Turks, however, abandoned a number of heavy guns in their retreat from the Dhihr river, six miles from Bagdad. The defeated Ottoman forces are retreating northward along the Tigris. British military writers declared that General Maude probably will press his advance and march on Mosul, principal base of the Turkish armies.

MUSLIM NEXT OBJECTIVE.

LEARNED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

LONDON, March 12.—Mosul is the next objective of General Maude's victorious British forces in Mesopotamia. While details of the occupation of the ancient city of Bagdad were lacking today and the public was expected to await a full narrative which would show important captures of prisoners and material from the Turks in the taking of the city, it was known the British forces does not intend to rest on their arms.

AEROPLANES SHOT DOWN.

LEARNED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

BERLIN, March 12.—The British lost nine aeroplanes, including four of the new one-seater Vickers, in lively air-fighting on the Arras front Friday, and two other British planes were forced to descend hastily behind their own lines. The Trans-Ocean News Agency declared today.

FRENCH MAKE GAINS.

PARIS, March 12.—The French continued their offensive operations in the Champagne last night. Further gains in the region of Malson de Champagne are reported in official announcements. Prisoners were taken in raids and patrol encounters at different points on the front.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK.

COPENHAGEN, March 12.—The Danish steamer Rosberg, carrying a cargo of corn from Baltimore to Denmark, has been sunk with the loss of six lives. The captain and eleven men were landed on the Norwegian coast.

BERLIN, March 12.—The following statement on submarine operations was issued today by the Overseas News Agency, the official German news bureau:

"The official report for March 11 states that 42,000 tons of shipping were sunk. Together with the reports of March 7 and 8 this gives a total of more than 114,000 tons."

High School Site in East Oakland Demand

Protests of East Oakland against the report that the new high school is not going to be built on the site purchased at Nineteenth street and Nineteenth avenue, two years ago, will be heard at a mass meeting of the East Oakland Civic Improvement Club in Franklin school tomorrow night. School directors, commissioners and candidates for directors and commissioners have been invited to attend.

Ten Million, Is Toll of War; Enormous Losses Suffered by Both Sides; Allies Lose Most

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Approximately ten million men are reported as killed, wounded, captured or missing in the European war in the first complete tabulation of official and authenticated semi-official reports of the various belligerents received here.

Among the military proper, 4,441,200 are reported dead, 2,598,500 wounded and 2,564,500 captured and missing. Among civilians, especially on the Russian and Balkan fronts and in Armenia, another four hundred thousand are figured as either dead or wounded through the war.

These figures are admittedly only approximate, and in some instances necessarily several weeks old. They are not called exact in any sense, but are known to be so nearly so as to give a fairly reliable picture of the war's results. They depend for their accuracy, first, on the official reports of the various belligerents, which are certainly minimum figures, and then on the results of the various available authentic information.

The entente's losses are given as 6,318,400, as against 3,384,800 for the central empires. One reason for the great discrepancy between the two is believed to be the relative unpreparedness of the entente, the disastrous retreats in France at the beginning of the war, in Russia from the Mazurian lakes and the Carpathians and in Rumania.

The entente's dead total 2,890,400, against 1,550,800 for the central empires. The entente's wounded total 1,878,500, against 922,000 for the central empires, and their captured and missing 1,652,500, against 912,000 for the central empires. These losses are based upon the assumption that in Germany 90 per cent of the total wounded return to the front and 80 per cent in all other countries.

RUSSIA HEAVIEST LOSER.

Russia is infinitely the heaviest loser so far, with a grand total of 3,084,200 men. The bulk of these losses occurred in the Mazurian lakes disaster and the two retreats from the Carpathians, when prisoners were taken in large numbers.

Over, lack of communications and hospital facilities have made the death rate in Russia extraordinarily high. Their dead total 1,500,000, their wounded 1,878,500 and their prisoners and missing 800,000, which is said to be much lower than the probable number.

France has suffered the second highest casualties, with a total of 1,810,800, largely because of the early retreat to the Marne and the terrific losses in the battle of Verdun. Her dead total 370,000, her wounded 640,000, and her missing and captured 400,000, though this last figure is believed here to be improbably high.

England's total falls far below, being about one-third of France's and one-half of Russia's. Owing, of course, to her late sending of a continental army. From now on, however, her losses are expected to keep fairly close to those of the French, who have seriously felt the drain on man power. England's total comes to 515,400, with 205,400 dead, 102,500 wounded and 107,500 captured and missing.

Rumania, though entering the war only last summer, has lost half a million men through her fatal attempt to cross into Transylvania, when the central powers were outflanking her through the Dobruja. Her dead are given as 100,000, her wounded as 150,000 and her captured and missing about 250,000.

Italy has been saved from extreme casualties through the impossibility of open operations on her mountainous frontiers. Her total reaches 208,000, including 45,000 dead, 49,000 wounded and 55,000 captured and missing.

Belgium and Serbia, the two small states overrun by the German machine after desperate resistance, have both lost very heavily in proportion to population. Belgium's casualties come to 112,000, with 50,000 dead, 22,000 wounded and 40,000 captured and missing. Serbia's dead come to 60,000, her wounded to 28,000, making a total of 88,000, with the number of missing and captured large but unknown.

Germany, among the central empires, is given as by far the largest loser, her total casualties being 1,558,200, or 228,000 less than France's. Her dead come to 823,000, which is slightly higher than France's, while her wounded are set at 450,000 and her captured and missing 245,000. Proportionately the lowest of the nations. Germany, because of her fighting on interior lines, without having suffered a bloody retreat and with a highly efficient medical service, has lost very few in captured and wounded, but her offensives have led her into heavy losses in dead. Nearly one-third of her losses are estimated to have been suffered around Verdun.

AUSTRIANS SUFFER.

Austria is only slightly less heavy a loser than Germany, with a total of 1,469,100. Her dead, however, only number 523,100 and her wounded 355,000. Her captured and missing run up to 451,000, owing to the heavy losses of prisoners in the two retreats before the Russians.

Turkey also has been a heavy loser, having a wide sweep of front from Gallipoli through Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia and Armenia, with serious pressure from British, Russian and native armies. Her total is given as 307,000, with 127,000 dead, 110,000 wounded and 70,000 captured and missing.

Bulgaria is the smallest loser, with the meager total of 20,500, largely because the Serbian campaign was won merely by the threat of her entrance into the war. Her dead total 7,500, her wounded 7,000 and her captured and missing 6,000.

CARRANZA IS NOW PRESIDENT

General Gets All But Unanimous Vote From Mexican Followers.

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—General Venustiano Carranza is elected President of Mexico by what is believed to have been the largest vote ever cast in the republic.

Although the voters had the privilege of writing in or declaring any name they desired, General Carranza received a vast majority of the vote. The estimated vote cast runs all the way from several hundred thousand to a million.

The Presidential election yesterday was provided for in the articles adopted by the Constitutional Assembly, which met at Queretaro. Many old residents declare it was the first real election ever held in this country. Reports from various parts of the republic indicate that there was no disturbance or intimidation.

Congressional contests were bitterly fought. The campaign efforts of the different candidates for the district lasted until the early hours of the morning, and the streets were littered with doggers and handbills. Conditions at the polls throughout the district were orderly, and there was a steady stream of voters during the day. Troops were not in evidence, the soldiers casting their votes in their barracks.

Mexico will now have a Constitutional President for the first time since 1911, when Francisco Madero received more than 300,000 votes.

General Victoriano Huerta called an election in 1914 and declared himself elected, but later nullified the election on the ground that an insufficient number of votes had been cast.

His election to the Presidency marks the climax to the efforts of General Carranza, who took the field against Huerta February 19, 1913, after Huerta had seized the reins of federal executive power.

The election yesterday was simplified by the fact that there is no Vice-President under the new constitution. It will be some time, however, before the returns from the Congressional elections are definitely known, although the candidates on the ticket of the Constitutional-Liberal party, which first backed Carranza, are running strongly in most of the districts.

Gold Deposits for Morgan Are Huge

NEW YORK, March 12.—Gold to the amount of \$3,500,000 from Canada was deposited at the assay office here today to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. Gold imported from all sources since January 1 total \$130,500,000.

LABOR CONSIDERS WAR PROBLEMS

Big Session at Capital Takes Up International Situations.

BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
LEARNED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The attitude of the wage-earner toward war is to be determined at the big labor conference which opened here today under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor. Meeting under the call of Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, are representatives of all the labor organizations allied under that body as well as delegates from the four big railroad brotherhoods. The latter organizations are not affiliated with the American Federation they have a working agreement by which they seek to obtain ends mutually advantageous.

First of all the big conference which was opened by President Gompers will seek to determine whether labor favors participation by the United States in the world war. There are pacifists in the ranks of the labor leaders and the amount of influence they will be able to wield will be a big factor in determining the course to be followed.

President Gompers, in his opening address, pointed out that there is one immediate and critical situation which labor must solve at once. That is the attitude which the wage-earner is to hold toward the policies of national defense to be formulated as a result of the voting of huge sums for armaments. The Sixty-fourth Congress, just closed. As in many instances new trails must be blazed by the labor organizations the sessions which opened this morning may be continued until the middle or last of the week.

Authority Not Over Non-Navigable Waters

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Permanent federal authority over navigable rivers and government exemption from damage liability in their improvement the Supreme court decided today in test cases, does not extend to their non-navigable tributaries.

Justice Pitney, who gave the opinion, said owners of land on streams are entitled to compensation for land taken when such streams artificially were made navigable.

The ruling against the government, the department of justice had told the court, "would establish a precedent of tremendous importance" regarding government liability for damage to private property upon tributaries of navigable waters in improvement of the latter. Many pending suits and claims turned on today's decision.

Stone Succeeds Self on Foreign Committee

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senator William J. Stone, criticized as one of the "wild men" who succeeded in blocking the President's "arm and leg" bill during the closing hours of the last session, succeeded himself as chairman of the foreign relations committee.

The list of new committee assignments announced today by the Senate shows Stone still heading the Senate's most important subordinate branch.

Among other committee assignments agreed upon were Senator Thomas C. McLean, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, and Senators Fall and Knox fill two Republican vacancies on the same committee.

Wilson Urged to Name Gerard for Japan Post

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Appointment of James W. Gerard, former American Ambassador at Berlin, to succeed the late George W. Guthrie as Ambassador to Japan, was urged upon the State Department today by friends of the returning envoy.

Gerard is expected to arrive here Wednesday and to hold conferences with the President and Secretary of State immediately.

The returning diplomat will remain attached to the State Department staff and the government's payroll, although he is now without a mission.

Government Orders 16 Dirigible Airships

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Purchase of sixteen non-rigid dirigible airships for coast and harbor patrol work at a total cost of \$649,250, was announced today by the navy department.

The Curtiss Aeroplane Company of Buffalo, N. Y., has agreed to build them at \$122,250; the Connecticut Air Craft Company, New Haven, two for \$34,000; the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, nine for \$360,000; and the B. E. Goodrich Company of Akron, two for \$33,000. Deliveries will begin within 120 days.

Taussig Will Be Head of New Tariff Board

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Prof. Frank W. Taussig of Harvard has been selected by President Wilson as chairman of the new tariff commission of six members. Daniel C. Roper, Democrat, of South Carolina, former first assistant postmaster general, and former Representative William Kent, Republican of California, are other probable members and the following are under consideration: E. P. Costigan of Denver, Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, E. E. Pratt, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and Miss Ida Tarbell, a writer.

Fire Breaks Out in Mountain Mine

RUTHE, Mont., March 12.—Fire which has been smoldering in the Leonard mine for ten years, has broken out afresh and resulted today in temporary cessation of work at West Colusa and Tramway mines, after one miner had been killed and others partially suffocated by fumes. The Leonard mine is one of the large copper properties of the Anaconda Company. The fire is reported to have been abandoned and worked out section.

Bernstorff and Party Sail for Copenhagen

CHRISTIANA, March 11, via London, March 12.—The steamship Frederick VII left Copenhagen today with Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and his party.

POTATO SHORTAGE WORRIES BRITISH

London Restaurants Reduce Portions of Tubers and Lift Price.

By ED. L. KEEN
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LONDON, March 12.—England feels the pinch of shortage of potatoes in her decreased food supplies today more than America would under the same circumstances. The Britisher has an inordinate potato appetite. The vegetable is regarded as an essential ingredient of every meal.

It is this shortage of potatoes that is causing the only real outcry here. It was manifested in accusations from the poorer quarters of London that certain provision shops and markets were saving up their present supplies, hoping later to extract extortionate prices. So far Americans in London—not as exacting as the Britishers in demanding potatoes with every meal—have not felt pinched by any shortage. There is the usual scarcity in every where.

Throughout London today all cafes and restaurants united in reducing the size of the potato portion while lifting the price.

Sugar is already steadily diminishing. So are some other commodities, but to a much less degree.

The whole food situation emphasizes the recent exhortations for economy by Premier Lloyd George, and Edward Carson, Lord Northcliffe and others.

CHINESE FAVOR TEUTON RUPTURE

House of Representatives in Secret Session Approves Break With Germany.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
LEARNED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

LONDON, March 12.—A Pekin despatch to Reuters says that the House of Representatives, at a secret session, approved the government's diplomatic policy, including a rupture with Germany.

PEKING, March 12.—A message sent by Dr. Sun Yat Sen to Premier Lloyd George urging English officials to cease striving to induce China to join the entente, has been widely published in China. The Chinese newspapers attack the message as ridiculous and ridicule Dr. Sun Yat Sen's suggestion that if China threw in her lot with the allies it might provoke another Chinese uprising, a massacre of foreigners and create disension among the members of the entente.

The newspapers deny that China is being coerced by England and declare that Dr. Sun Yat Sen is unwarranted in the assertion he makes that a Mohammedan uprising is possible. They condemn the radical leader as a troublemaker.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen was the leader of the revolution which created the Chinese republic. Nothing had been previously known here in regard to his communication to Premier Lloyd George.

The Chinese foreign office announced today that it would sever diplomatic relations with Germany if the unrestricted submarine warfare decree was put into effect. On March 4 the Chinese cabinet agreed that relations should be maintained with Germany, but Premier Li Yuan Hung refused to accept the decision of the ministers and Premier Tuan Chi-jui resigned. Three days later, however, the premier resumed office after President Li Yuan Hung had agreed to give the cabinet full power to frame the country's foreign policy and also on condition that parliament should not touch the question of a breach with Germany.

Free Seed Demand in America Large

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Since the home gardening movement began throughout the country, as a means to meet the increased cost of food, the department of agriculture has been swamped with hundreds of thousands of requests for free seeds.

Officials of the department say that unfortunately they have no seeds to distribute. The free seeds provided by Congress are distributed as members of Congress themselves direct and this year's supply of about \$200,000 worth was long ago exhausted. No more free seeds will be available until late in the summer.

Butchers Give Prizes of Potatoes, Onions

Potatoes and onions are being used with reckless profusion in at least five Oakland homes today by the winners of five sacks of these precious vegetables at a contest held by the city's Butchers' Protective and Benevolent Association at a sports' gathering at Shell Mound Park yesterday.

More than 6000 persons attended. Games of all kinds, races and athletic contests among members from both sides of the bay furnished the entertainment. Dancing was held in the evening.

The arrangements committee included A. B. Pratt, A. J. Pratt, Ben Oswald, Ben MacCreadie, Thomas Lally, R. A. Kaufman, N. L. Frost, John Pachter, Robert Weiss, C. A. Welsheimer, William Kunnecke and M. R. Jager.

Purity and Power Necessary to Overcome Impure Blood and Weak Conditions.

The recent trying weather, exposure to storms, the grip, hard colds, pneumonia, fevers, diphtheria and other blood-poisoning, prostrating diseases leave the whole system subnormal—below par, weak and slow—blood depleted and thin, with that tired feeling, poor appetite, delicate digestive power or almost none at all.

The ideal treatment is Hood's Sarsaparilla—to be taken before meals—thoroughly to purify the blood and rid the system of poisons.

Purifying Pills—to be taken after meals—to put power into the blood, give energy, increase red corpuscles and restore normal health-tone.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has for 40 years won a world-wide reputation for its ability to purify the blood and rid the system of poisons. It is a blood and iron—include iron and other good blood and stomach tonic.

Be wise and begin on this sensible, reliable course of medicine today.—Advertisement.

POTATOES FEW IN WEST, SAYS EXPERT ON CROP

SACRAMENTO, March 12.—On March 1 there were less than 3000 carloads of potatoes west of the Missouri river, according to a letter received by Chief Deputy Horticultural Commissioner George Veldon from President Louis D. Sweet of the Potato Association of America.

"On March 1," says the letter, "there were about 1200 cars of potatoes left in Oregon, Washington and California, 100 cars in Idaho (half of which are still in the hands of the growers and the balance in storage, because shippers have been unable to get cars to move them) and about 600 cars in Colorado."

"When you stop to think that there are less than 3000 carloads of potatoes west of the Missouri river, you will realize that many persons will have to get along on short potato rations. Seed potatoes will be very high, and no doubt a large per cent of those planted this year will be culls that are more or less infected with disease, and few people will treat with corrosive sublimate as they should, so I am fearful that the quality of potatoes grown in the United States this year will go down ever so much."

According to Sweet, the behooves the grower to exercise great care in the selection of seed potatoes, as California early potatoes that are infested with the tuber moth will be shut out of Colorado if a bill already approved by the assembly of that State should pass.

Armed French Liner Granted Clearance

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
LEARNED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Permission for clearance of the French liner Rochambeau from New York, the first belligerent merchantman to arrive in an American harbor with guns mounted fore, as well as aft, was today granted by the State Department.

DRINK—BUSINESS

The Drink Habit destroys the Business Habit. Eighty per cent of business failures had not felt the first of a German camp guard, and the squad of five soldiers which brought them to the border had exercised the privilege of abusing them up to the last possible moment.

The partition, which ruled that the Rochambeau, as a passenger-carrying vessel plying usual routes, was a peaceable merchantman, entitled to take adequate precautions against illegal attack.

TEA SALE

English Breakfast blend, lb. 42c
Our reg. 50c tea, 5 lbs. \$2.00
The same saved on 5 lbs. and tea.
BEE BRAND CEYLON.
Reg. 60c 5 lbs. \$2.00, lb. 53c

No charge for expensive containers, premiums, etc.—here you pay just for the tea and coffee. We make you a special price each week. Watch our sales.

COFFEE SALE

AMBER ROYAL, lb. can. . . 32c
(Reg. 35c and 31 can) 3 lbs. 88c
WORLD BRAND
Reg. 40c, in bulk, 5 lbs. . \$1.75
Fresh from our roaster.

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BUTTER--Hazelnut Creamery, 2-lb. sq. 75c

EGGS--Extra fancy, large and white, doz. 30c

SARDINES in wine or tomato sauce, 7 1/2 oz. can. . . special 12 1/2c
FLAKED CODFISH, Underwood's, all codfish, prepared, large can. 18c
PIMENTOS, sweet peppers . . 10c, doz. \$1.20; large can 17 1/2c, doz. \$2
MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, VERMICELLI, Alphabet, "World" lb. 12 1/2c
LOGANBERRIES, No. 2 can 15c, doz. \$1.75. CATSUP, Sutter's, 22c
MINCE MEAT—Home Made, last chance, pt. jar 35c, qt. jar . . 63c
TOMATOES—Sea Foam, No. 2 can (buy a case) doz. \$1.50, can 12 1/2c
POTTED BEEF—F. A. Sandwich Paste . . . 10c, 6 for 55c
FRENCH MUSTARD—Famous Louis Freres, bottle . . . 25c
GINGER, CLOVES, CINNAMON, G. B. & Co., extra strength, 2 oz. can
WALNUT SHELL, extra, lb. at 25c
DILL PICKLES—Dox . . . 25c. Sliced Pumpernickel, jar . . 22c
SALMON PASTE 10c, 6 cans 55c. KIPPERED SALMON, can. . . 14c

Medicinal Liquors Home Wines

WHISKY—Old Mellow Rye, G. B. & Co.'s bottling, gal. \$3.50, bottle 85c
COCKTAILS—Early and Often, popular kinds . . . bottle \$1.00
BRANDY—Extra California, G. B. & Co. . . gallon \$3.50, bot. 90c
CLARET—V. V., a mild, rich table wine . . . gallon 70c
SAUTERNE—Flat, Vista del Valle . . . 1 doz. large bottles \$4.75
(This white wine resembles the famous types of French wines)
SHERRY OR PORT—No. 1 California . . . gallon \$2.10, bot. 60c
APRICOT CORDIAL—California . . . 1/2 bot. 45c, bottle 80c
HAGE'S SWEET CIDER—Delicious, wholesale . . . bot. 30c, doz. \$3.50
CANDY SPECIAL (Saturday only) O. F. Molasses Taffy . . . lb. 30c

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AMERICANS ARE BADLY TREATED

Yarrowdale Prisoners Feel Fists of German Guards; One Meal a Day.

ZURICH, Switzerland, March 11, via Paris, March 12.—Laden, with presents showered upon them by the Swiss, 79 of the Yarrowdale prisoners arrived in Zurich today. Although emancipated from their imprisonment and lack of food since their arrival in Germany, December 31, they are in fair condition.

The men told of the severe treatment to which they had been subjected in the German prison camps at Neustrelitz, Dulmen and Brandenburg, where they had been successively interned after having been brought in from Swinehede on the Yarrowdale, and where they, as Americans, they said, were apparently singled out from all others. During their stay in Germany they reported they had subsisted on one allowance of soup daily and had made their long journey to the border on one meal.

There was hardly one of them who in one time or another, they declared, had not felt the fist of a German camp guard, and the squad of five soldiers which brought them to the border had exercised the privilege of abusing them up to the last possible moment.

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Society

Blossoms! Fruit blossoms! Pink and white and deliciously fragrant! Can you not smell them? This is blossom time in California and festival time. That is why next Saturday the cares of the world and the pressure of serious things are to be thrust aside and society en masse will motor down to Saratoga for the Blossom Festival. For many years this wonderful blooming of the valley's trees when all the world is shrouded in a mist of exquisite color, so dainty that it seems a fairyland, has been made a rejoicing time and gathered the smart set who dwell within the day's journey to its miles of beauty. Even more elaborate than ever are the preparations for the carnival this season. Very many of our society leaders have their summer homes in Saratoga, Los Gatos or thereabouts and several of them will be opened for the occasion and congenial house parties will assemble over the week-end. One of the very lovely places is that owned by Mr. and Mrs. Percival Walker, who are exceedingly fond of their not-far-distant estate which is the mecca for an interesting gathering of friends through the season before the family returns to town. Mrs. Charles J. Welch, who will be remembered as Miss Blanch Hostetter of East Oakland, is occupying a cozy bungalow in this vicinity near that of her sister, Mrs. Bert Dingley (Grace Hostetter). Mrs. Welch closed her wonderful place, "Copa de Oro," near Los Banos several months ago which she spent here. One of the larger luncheons of Saturday will be that at which the women of the Los Gatos Center of the California Civic League will entertain, assembling several hundred guests at a charmingly planned function.

Miss Emily Martin is leaving today for El Paso, Texas, where on Wednesday her marriage with Hector Legault will be quietly solemnized. The attractive young girl goes unaccompanied but will remain while in El Paso the house guest of relatives of her fiancée. A fortnight will be spent in Texas before the journey to Hurley, New Mexico, is completed, where the new home is to be established. A large party of friends are planning to be at the station to send the bride-elect happily upon her journey. Miss Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Martin. Since the announcement of her betrothal she has been widely feted and the far-away home will be filled with the lovely things which her girls have showered upon her in compliment to her marriage. Legault is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Legault and a nephew of Dr. J. V. Legault, who is interested in a mining project in New Mexico which claims his presence at Hurley.

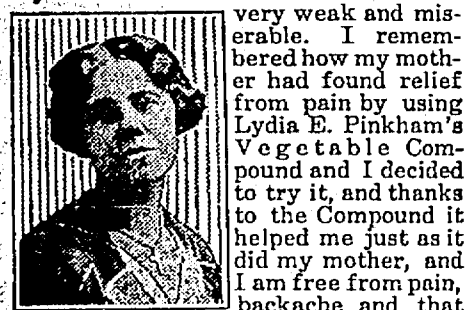
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Kroll are being welcomed home after a long sojourn across the water and will shortly take possession of the handsome new home which they have purchased in Kingston avenue. The six months' tour of the Orient was of interesting experiences. Kroll was obliged to make the business trip with many of the wonderful places in the eastern countries in his itinerary. Mr. Kroll left her little girl in the care of her mother and accompanied him.

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MISS EMILY MARTIN, a feted bride-elect this season, left today for El Paso, where her marriage to Hector Legault will take place March 14.

was built by the Charles E. Parcells just over the Oakland line in Piedmont which they will move into within a few weeks, giving up their own attractive bungalow in the same neighborhood for the larger house.

This week will bring back Mme. Melba from southern California when she will be entertained at the house of Mrs. William H. Crocker in Burlingame. There is a procession of elaborate functions awaiting the arrival of the famous songstress which will fill in the busy days before her sailing for Australia. In Honolulu she will be rejoined by Miss Peggy Center, who returns to Australia with her to continue her musical work for another year.

A luncheon will assemble a coterie of congenial friends on Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. H. B. Butan, who is planning one of the delightful affairs of the late season in compliment to her guests.

"Candy Pull," if anything so modern as the making of delicious chocolates and fudges and panoches can be still given that old-fashioned name, will assemble some score of girls of the smart set on Wednesday at the residence of Miss Ethel Perkins. A busy day in the kitchen is promised those who have pledged themselves to see that there is a necessary amount of the delightful appetites of the 500 guests who will play bridge on Thursday at the invitation of the Oakland Civic Center. Among those who are planning to accept the hospitality of the George E. Perkins residence in East Oakland are: Miss Florence Dean, Miss Edith Booth, Miss Carmen Ghirardelli, Miss Allene Edoff, Miss Eleanor Knowland, Miss Ruth Perkins, Miss Louise Huntley, Miss Katharine Mills, Miss Violet Marshall, Miss Dolores Brown, Miss Gladys Robinson, Miss Doris Alexander, Miss Lucille Greik, Miss Mildred Thompson, Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Cleo Posey, Miss Margaret Garthwaite, Miss Rachel Genung, Miss Claire Ron, Miss Heleine Bon, Miss Claire Blanchfield, Miss Carol Pardee and Miss Madeline Pardee.

A bridge luncheon is taking guests to Hotel Bellevue tomorrow when Mrs. J. Eugene Freeman presides as hostess. The friends who will meet about the prettily appointed tables are enjoying a series of these fortnightly affairs during the season. They number Mrs. George Tyson, Mrs. W. D. Tennant, Mrs. James Shack, Mrs. Harry Morton, Mrs. William Shotwell,

Mrs. Harry Gray and Mrs. J. O. Harron.

There was a merry party of friends at the depot on Saturday evening when Miss Alice Palmer left for Kentucky where she will spend the earlier summer. A round of charming affairs were given in compliment to the attractive girl whose season is to be so gay in the real southland.

Wednesday afternoon there will be a large group of the younger set cross the bay to accept the hospitality of Mrs. Walter McLeod, who is extending her hospitality at a bridge fest. Since arriving before the holidays for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stetson Wheeler in San Francisco, Mrs. McLeod has been the inspiration for a countless round of entertaining which has brought together her wide circle of friends in congenial groups. Now that her leave-taking is planned for the late March, Mrs. McLeod is herself returning the favors which have been offered her. Since her marriage of a few seasons ago her home has been made in Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. Lucien Langworthy has sold her attractive suburban home in San Leandro and is again being welcomed to Oakland. She and her husband are cozily established in a residence in Market street. Mrs. Langworthy is well known in club circles being vice-president of the Second District, California Federation of Women's Clubs and president of the Alta Mira of San Leandro.

Miss Margaret Boveroux and Miss Barbara Bridge are leaving shortly for Baltimore to attend as delegates the national convention of the Gamma Phi Beta society. The important meeting convenes late in March, continuing its sessions through several days. The two girls go to represent the local chapter at the University of California. Before returning to California they will spend some weeks in travel, visiting in New York and Washington.

One of the most elaborate functions of the coming month will be the card party which will have as its hostesses the managers and members of the West Oakland Home Association. The women are varying their usual benefits by announcing an evening affair which will have the ivory ballroom of Hotel Oakland as the setting. Tuesday, April 10, has been chosen as the notable date.

Captivating Mary Carstairs

By HENRY SYMON HARRISON
(Continued from yesterday)

It would not be enough to close the boy's mouth till after the luncheon and then let it open to babble. For Elbert Carstairs had flatly drawn the line at a yellow afterthought of sensation. He would count a tall-typed scandal the day after tomorrow, when his daughter was with him, fully as bad as the same affliction now. And, the newspaper finally lost to them, there was no conceivable way in which that scandal could be averted now.

But about the moment when his foot hit the bottom of the worn stairs, the door at the head of them burst open, and a curiously stirred voice, which he had some difficulty in recognizing as Smith's, called his name.

"Varney! Oh, Varney! I—really meant to tell you—and then I forgot."

He turned and saw the editor's pale face hanging over the banisters.

"It was Maginnis I sold the Gazette to, you know—Peter Maginnis. I wouldn't have sold it to anybody else. You'll find him at the hotel eating supper."

Varney, looking at him, knew then what it was that Smith thought he owed to him and Maginnis.

He went back up the stairs and the two men shook hands in rather an agitated silence.

CHAPTER XIV. Conference Between Mr. Hackley, the Dog Man, and Mr. Ryan, the Boss.

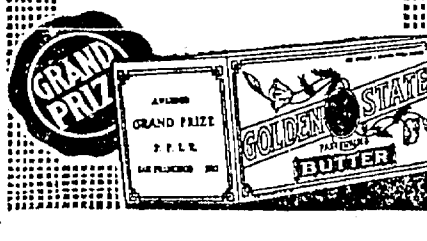
At half-past six o'clock, or thereabouts, James Hackley dragged slowly up Main street. He was garbed in his working suit of denim blue, trimmed with monkey-wrench and chisel, and he wore, further, an air of exaggerated fatigue. A rounded protuberance upon his cheek indicated that the exhilaration of the quid was not wanting to his inner man, but the solace he drew from it appeared pitifully trifling. Now and then he would pause, rest his person against a lamp-post, or the front of some emporium, and shake his head despondently, like one most fearful of the consequences of certain matters.

Since four o'clock that afternoon, in fact, Mr. Hackley had been out upon a reluctant stint of lawn-mowing, reluctant because he hated all work with a Titanic hatred and sedulously cultivated the conviction that his was a delicate health. In view of the magnificent windfall in connection with the killing of his dog, it had not been his design to accept any more retainers for a long time to come. That occurrence had lifted him, as by the ears, from the proletariat into the capitalistic leisure class; and the map of the world had become but the portrait of his oyster.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

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Clipped Wings

By RUPERT HUGHES

CHAPTER I.
The proud lady in the new run-about was homeward bound from a shopping raid. It was her first voyage down-town alone with the thing. She guided the old family horse up to her curb in a graceful sweep, but, like a new elevator-boy, could not come to a stop at the stopping-place. She could go forward or back, but she could not exactly negotiate her own stopping-block. As she blushing struggled for it she heard the scream of a child in desperate terror. It inspired an equal terror, for it came from her own house.

She had left her two children at home, expecting playmate guests. She had exacted from them every imaginable promise to be good and to abstain from danger. But she knew how easily they rumped into perils. She heard the cry again, and clutched her breast in a little death of fear as she half leaped, half toppled from her carriage and ran up the walk, leaving the horse to his own devices.

The poor woman was wondering whether the beloved had fallen on the shears or into the fire. Which of the dogs had gone mad, and bitten whom. While she stumbled up the steps she heard the outcry repeated and she paused.

That voice was the voice of neither of her own children. The thought that a neighbor's child might have perished in her home was almost more fearful still. As she fumbled in the darkness she heard the thud of a little falling body. Then there was a most dreadful silence.

She hastened to the big living-room. She thrust back the somber hanging, and stepped on the arm of her own sofa.

He was lying in a crumpled heap on the floor. He did not move, though his wrist rolled under her foot.

She flinched away, sickened, only to behold a yet ghastlier spectacle; her daughter hung across the arm of a couch, her hair over her face, and one limp hand touching the floor.

At her feet was a young nephew in a coat of huddle with his head under the table. The son of a neighbor was stretched out on a chair, his face flung back and his eyes staring.

And on the panther-skin by the fireplace a young girl whom Mrs. Vickery had never seen before lay sidelong, singularly beautiful in death.

Before this vision of inconceivable horror the mother stood petrified, her throat in the grip of such fright that she could not utter a sound. Then her knees yielded and she sank to the side of her boy, clutching him to her breast, and cried:

"Eugene! my little Eugene!" She pressed her palpitating lips to his cheek. Thank God, it was still warm. He moved, he thrust his arms away, and mumbled. She bent to catch the words:

"With a sigh of infinite relief, she spilled him back to the rug, where he lay motionless. She called sharply to the girl on the couch:

"Dorothy! Dorothy!" A tremor ran through the child; she seemed to struggle with herself. From her cataract of curls came a sound as of torn canvas, a sound dangerously like one of those explosions of snicker that Dorothy frequently emitted in church during the long prayer. But she did not look up.

Half angry, half ecstatic, Mrs. Vickery rose and moved among the sterted corpses, like Edith looking for King Harold's body on Hastings field. She passed by her nephew Tommy Jerrems, and Mrs. Burbage's boy, Clyde, and proceeded to the eerie stranger on the panther-skin.

This child would have looked deadlier if she had not been smiling so hard, and if her exquisite face had not been so scarlet in the tangle of her hair, which was curiously adorned with bottle-straw and in the cellar and with artificial flowers from a

last-summer's hat of Mrs. Vickery's in the attic.

Mrs. Vickery bent above the panting ruins, lifted one relaxed hand, and inquired, "And who are you, little girl?"

"Don't touch me, please; I'm all wet!"

Mrs. Vickery forgot her imagination long enough to expostulate, "Why, no, you're not, my dear!"

And now the eyes opened with the answer, "Oh, yes, I am, if you please. I've just drowned myself in the pool here—if you please."

"Oh!" Mrs. Vickery assented. "Well, hadn't you better get up before you catch cold?"

The answer to this question was another poster.

"But how can I get up, please, until you lower the curtain?"

Mrs. Vickery had been a parent often enough and long enough to obey the solemn behests of children without impertinent whys. She could not imagine what incantational power might reside in the roller window-shade, but she hurried to it and pulled it down.

The little girl scrambled to her feet with a smile of brave regret: "Thank you ever so much! That's not a 'maginary curtain, but only a real one. Still, it will have to do, I suppose." Then she addressed the other victims of fate, all of whom were craning their necks to peep. "Now, ladies and gentlemen, take your curtain calls."

On a sign of her hand, as at a little Judgment Day, the dead arose. They joined hands in a line at her signal. Then she hissed from the side of her mouth, "Now raise it, please." The curtain shot up with a slap. "Thank you. And if you wouldn't mind applauding a little."

The reaction from her terror had rendered Mrs. Vickery almost hysterical, but she managed to keep her head straight and her hands busy while the line bowed and bowed.

Once more the directress whispered to Mrs. Vickery, "Pull the curtain down a minute, please, and let it go again. When this was done she said, 'If you won't any flowers hand, they'd be nice.'"

Gari's Bedtime Stories

By HOWARD R. GARIS.

Uncle Wiggly promised to be 'careful' so, after breakfast, he hopped across the fields and through the woods on his rheumatism crutch, looking for an adventure. But he did not have any, and it was coming on night and getting cold, even though it was toward spring, when the bunny uncle passed an old hollow tree, he saw a light inside it.

Hopping over to the hollow tree, which was partly open on one side, the bunny looked through a crack, and inside the hollow of the tree he saw a little boy.

And as Uncle Wiggly looked, the little boy took from a box on the bottom of the tree beside him a match and tried to light it. But his fingers shivered so and shook that the match would not light.

"Hello!" called Uncle Wiggly in his jolly voice. "Who are you, and what is the trouble? Perhaps I can help you."

"I am a little match boy," was the answer, "and I am trying to warm myself by lighting the matches, but I cannot sell. Oh, dear! I am lost, I'm hungry, I don't know where my home is and I'm so cold!"

Again he shivered and tried to light a match, but his fingers shook so with the cold that he could not.

"Let me light it for you," said the kind bunny uncle, and he did, and the little match boy warmed his hands, and the Wiggly warmed his paws, for he, too, was cold.

"Oh, how I wish I was home!" cried the little match boy. "Nothing has happened to me at all like what happened to the little match girl in the book."

"Was she in the Arabian Nights book?" asked Uncle Wiggly.

"Well, she was in a red-covered book," said the little match boy.

"That's the Arabian Nights," the bunny uncle said, "though I never read her story. Tell me about it."

"And every time she lit a match," said the little match boy, "the walls of the building against which she rested would melt away and she could see all the beautiful things inside—roast turkey and gravy and apples and pudding and Christmas trees. Then when the match went out she would have to light another to warm her fingers and again she saw beautiful pictures."

"And what happened next?" asked Uncle Wiggly, as the little boy stopped speaking.

"Well, at last she lit up all her matches, and still she was cold, and in the morning they found her under the snow, almost frozen, but they took her to a hospital and she got well."

"So, after I read the story, I wanted to see pretty pictures like the little match girl saw, and I went to the store and bought some matches to sell, but no one would buy any and I ran away and got lost, so I used my matches to light when I grew cold in the hollow tree."

"I think you had better let me take you home, where you will be warm in bed, instead of trying to keep from freezing by lighting matches," said Uncle Wiggly.

"He helped the little boy out of the hollow tree and away they started, for the bunny uncle knew where the little boy lived."

And on the way home, it was so cold that the little boy and Uncle Wiggly were almost frozen, but then the bunny gentleman lit a fire of sticks in the woods, they might have become as stiff as the matches.

Finally the little boy safely reached his home and his father and mother began to take care of him.

And the make-believe little match boy's father gave Uncle Wiggly some hot carrot soup to eat to keep him warm on the way home to the bungalow, for all the matches were burned.

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"Since it has unhappily proved impossible to safeguard our neutral rights by diplomatic means against the unwarranted infringements they are suffering at the hands of Germany, there may be no recourse but to armed neutrality, which we shall know how to maintain, and for which there is abundant precedent."

Thus President Wilson addressed Congress on February 20th. Since then armed neutrality has been adopted and American merchant vessels are being sent out equipped with artillery and gunners for their defense against submarines.

In the interest of the public safety, the government has requested the newspapers to refrain from the publication of the departures of trans-Atlantic vessels, which will be cheerfully granted. Therefore, the public may only guess as to the critical moment when a conflict between the armed naval vessels of Germany and the non-combatant, peacefully-inclined merchant ships of American registry may be expected.

But we may hope that the government knows how to maintain armed neutrality. To fail would compel recourse to more effective measures. And if all means should fail we would never again be able to claim the freedom of the seas. This is the great, vital principle for which we now are disposed to stand so resolutely.

However, a successful issue of the differences with Germany will fall far short of recovering all the acknowledged rights of the United States as a neutral nation. In the Berlin foreign office, despatch in the Sussex case of May 5, 1916, the German government expressed the confidence that the United States "will now demand and insist that the British government shall forthwith observe the rules of international law."

The United States government has so far failed to compel British observance of the law of nations, but that is not an excuse for Germany's renunciation of that law which this government can tolerate. It does not absolve Germany in the slightest of the moral obligation to respect the lives and neutral property of Americans.

But it does remind us that the British illegal system of treating American commerce has in no wise softened. The questions of seizure of first-class and non-contraband mails, the illegal black list, the arrest of American shipping on the high seas and its forced diversion into English ports under the jurisdiction of British municipal law, are still unsettled. While not murderous in execution, the British government has been as arrogant in policy and practice as the German. British maltreatment of American shipping and commerce has been just as flagrantly violative of the law of nations.

If "freedom of the seas" is not to be a term of mockery the United States must safeguard its lawful rights against assault from every quarter.

RAILROAD REGULATION.

In the January number of The Utilities Magazine, Mr. Max Thelen, president of the California Railroad Commission and president of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, contributes an informative article on the railroad investigation now being conducted by the joint congressional committee known as the Newlands Committee.

From the speeches in Congress prior to the creation of the investigating committee and from the remarks of the committee itself it has been assumed that the prevailing sentiment was that consideration should be given to the proposal of placing all interstate carriers under government ownership or government regulation, with government incorporation of the railroads as a possible means of fully accomplishing the latter. The railroads have strongly urged federal control to the exclusion of State regulation. Naturally strong opposition to these obvious tendencies has developed among the States and especially in the State public utilities commissions. Mr. Thelen dwells at considerable length on what he terms the "Railroad Drive at States."

This is perhaps the one misleading feature of Mr. Thelen's otherwise admirable contribution on this subject. The railroads are not alone in believing that government control of public utilities engaged in interstate business. On the contrary, and from quite different motives, a large proportion of the public is inclined to favor federal regulation. It is argued by many that government regulation will result in better service to the public and sounder financial conditions, not only for the railroads, but for the country generally. It is apparent that the federal government and that alone can have the

power to curb those methods of railroad financing that have resulted either in unduly high rates or bankruptcy of the roads.

The railroad's "drive at the States" is hardly germane to the subject of the congressional investigation, for the Congress is without authority to grant what the railroads ask. It has never been intended that government control should extend to other than interstate lines. In answering the railroads' claim that they are now harassed by "49 masters," Mr. Thelen writes that he has investigated in California and has found that of the sixty-one operating steam roads, fifty-six are located wholly within the State and hence are subject only to two masters—the federal government and California. Notwithstanding the desire of the railroads, the federal government would not, under proposed ownership or incorporation, take over the purely State roads. So the State control of these fifty-six roads would not be disturbed. It is obvious that both the railroads and the State commissions are given to exaggeration of their importance and needs.

FAR EASTERN POLICIES.

Reference was made in these columns recently of the apparent change in the policy of the Japanese government toward China since the inauguration of the Terauchi ministry. Note was also taken of the fact that in replying to the request from President Wilson to all the belligerent governments for a statement from each of the conditions upon which it would be willing to end the war, Japan omitted any reference to the disposition of the territory in the Pacific which she has seized from Germany, which includes the German concession in China of Kiaochow and those of the Caroline Islands formerly under German sovereignty.

Considerable light is shed on these points in a speech, remarkable for its frankness, delivered before the Japanese Diet on January 23rd by Foreign Minister Motono, the complete text of which has now been received in this country. Viscount Motono discussed the peace proposals first. He explained the limited scope of the reply to the United States and also the reasons for Japan's rejection of the German overtures, the latter coinciding exactly with the explanation of the European members of the entente.

He says that in declaring war and in adhering to the pact of London of September 5, 1915 [no separate peace] Japan assumed an unequivocal attitude. Japan believes the allied powers must win a definite victory. For, says Viscount Motono, "in the event of our victory not being complete, it is hardly necessary to say that the peace in the Far East for which Japan has sacrificed so much would be exposed to real dangers." As to the German colonies, the Viscount said:

"The absence of any allusion [in the response to the peace proposals] to the future disposal of the German colonies has justly attracted the attention of public opinion in Japan. That point has, however, never escaped the attention of the Imperial government. The reply to the American note does not necessarily include all the conditions of peace to be demanded by the allied powers. They reserve the right to present these conditions when the terms of peace are discussed. Reference is made to this point in the note to the United States. In order to avoid all misunderstanding we took steps to safeguard our right when we addressed our adhesion to the draft by the French government, and I am happy to say that a satisfactory understanding exists among all the allies on this point."

It is not possible to say exactly what Viscount Motono had in mind when he made this statement, but certainly it cannot be taken as promising the fulfillment of the promise of Japan, given in the early stages of the war, that she would not seek to retain the colonies seized from Germany. Another passage in the foreign minister's speech seems to preclude almost all hope that there is any intention to stand by those early assurances:

Our foreign policy is based upon our alliance with England. The war has shown the unshaken solidity of the alliance as well as its indisputable benefits. The Japanese and English people have realized in the most vivid way the necessity of this alliance for safeguarding the rights and interests of the two empires. It is the essential guarantee for the maintenance of order and peace in the Far East.

In discussing the relations between Japan and China, Viscount Motono is not quite so original. He reiterates the sentiment that in view of the great political and economic interests which Japan possesses in China, Japan has always been actuated by the most sincere desire to see that country develop in the path of modern civilization, and has never spared any effort to come to her assistance. China and her friends have heard this uttered before. But the new foreign minister of Japan sets a most praiseworthy precedent by rebuking the tendency to interfere in internal quarrels in China. He gives notice that the cabinet absolutely repudiates the activities of persons who have shown a marked propensity to assist any political party in China that promises support to what they conceive to be the best interests of Japan. But this repudiation of local politicians is not to be understood as a softening of the attitude of the Japanese government toward China. Japan's special position in Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia is reasserted with emphasis, and notice is given China that if she clearly and distinctly understands the intention of Japan she will have no objection to "our very sincere policy."

Viscount Motono's speech is a frank and confident statement of Japan's future program. It goes further than any other utterance to eliminate ambiguity from her intentions. The British-Japanese alliance of 1907, relieved of any drawbacks through the restored friendship between Russia and Japan, is accepted as the balance wheel of Japan's foreign policies and the peace and the politics of the Far East is conceived to be the special care of these governments.

NOTES and COMMENT

One curious result of the boost in the price of spuds is that calling a person "small potatoes" is no longer insulting.

The Appeal considers it a compliment to Marysville that Chinese should flock there for safety during the long war. But some of those gunmen may hear of Marysville, yet.

Just one thing after another, according to the Richmond Record-Herald: "With the advent of spring comes a reller from the coal man. But, then, the ice man is right in his heels."

Editor of the Elk Grove Citizen sets forth his position: "No, we're not howling for war and we're not howling against it, for we don't want to be a damned fool either way. But if it comes there is only one dog for us."

If the free market is to be a real free market, where those who raise truck may sell it, well and good. If it is to be a place where hucksters may set up rent free and compete with regular dealers who have established places of business, the project is at least open to discussion.

Ad. in the Bloomington, Ill., Bulletin: "For sale—A few good hens, now laying eggs; also new potatoes, corn and cabbage."

The Santa Ana Blade is pessimistic: "From the classified columns in the San Diego Union: 'For sale—A baby washing machine. It can't be done—wash 'em by machinery.'"

Science can't do everything, though it can do wonders. Lullaby Bunk can in doubt about speeding up crops with electricity, as it is proposed to do in England. And he has canny knowledge of what you can do with plants.

The Stockton Independent has this ungenerous reminder: "A worried citizen asks if the governor can draw the salary of \$7500 as United States Senator and \$10,000 as governor. Certainly he can draw both, salaries, and they will come in handy in these days when a man must eat."

Bullet ricochetted from a target, goes through a man's leg and kills a dog. Didn't happen at Marysville, either. Vallejo.

The Red Bluff News demands drastic action: "We demand the immediate and unconditional discharge of the Southern Pacific conductor who informed the passengers on his train that the snudge pot smoking around Chico was Lassen's eruption."

It ought to be possible for us to forgive and forget. If the wandering Arabs can. The idea is suggested by the heading to a despatch, "Forgetting hundreds of years of enmity, Arab tribes join British against Turks."

Stork makes it his twentieth flight to Eureka mother. California should get up a testimonial, or take off its hat, or do something appreciative.

We have it from the Modesto News that "Otto Rogn and Peter Rudi attended the party given by Miss Colla Warner."

The Marysville Appeal is more successful than Diogenes was. "Lee J. Farmer of Terra Buena is our idea of an honest man. A cow and seven pigs strayed to his place and he is advertising for the owner."

The Stockton Mail marks the progress of evolution: "Potatoeater is a word coined or introduced by the Mercantile Sun. And someone, I've forgotten who, says few persons are on terms of excellent familiarity to call them by their nickname, spuds."

In the seven Chicago fortunes whose incomes exceed a million a year are those of three McCormicks. These were made up mostly by tributes from the great wheat fields of the West. The McCormick reaper was the first machine to cut grain, and it is an interesting fact that there are men still living who remember when it was accepted as a practical wonder.

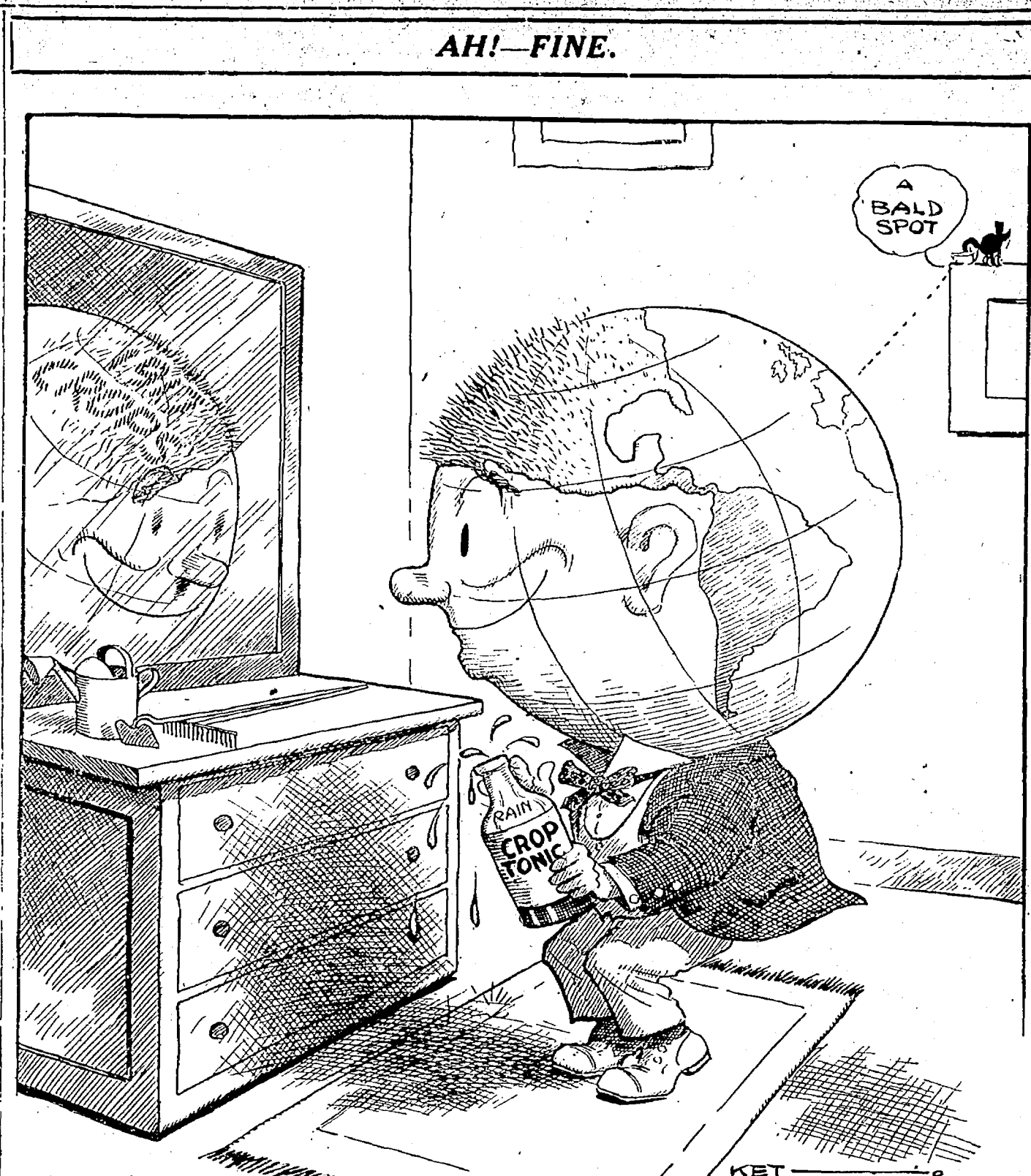
SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

Although oil production is not keeping pace with consumption, there is no present danger of a drought in the gasoline market. It is calculated that the estimated remaining supply of crude oil in the United States, visible and invisible, 7,629,000,000 barrels in all, would last 138 years longer at the 1916 rate of consumption of 55,000,000 barrels for refining purposes.—Bakersfield Echo.

The Southern Pacific has presented a little Ventura boy a gold watch for discovering a broken rail on the track and notifying the railroad company. He has been rewarded handsomely and the company has done the right thing. If he makes it a point to follow up all things through life as in this instance, his success is assured. Nor is it the reward he received, but the thing he did which warranted the reward.—Ventura Free Press.

Beans at \$1000 a load. That is the price received by S. Fitzpatrick, a rancher, living ten miles west of Modesto, from A. B. Shoemaker, the local bean broker, Tuesday. Fitzpatrick will realize \$1700 from a little less than fifteen acres of beans this year. The entire crop is the result of using two sacks of Lady Washington seed beans. Fitzpatrick hauled his first load to Modesto Tuesday, receiving a check for \$1000, or at the rate of \$10 a sack.—Modesto Herald.

A second great factor in Oroville's development is the fact that this city is the most important division point upon the Western Pacific. The Western Pacific has passed through its reorganization period. Geography has made this city a most important division point upon that railroad. The railroad payroll is now large, but it does not take the eye of a prophet to see that it will be increased many times over if the present plans of the Western Pacific carry.—Oroville Register.



A BOY'S SUMMER

A boy's summer! Can't you see them hallowed spots of memory? The old mill race, with sun and shine Etwixt its banks of velvet fine? The hilltops green and over you on.

The woods that beckon—coax—y' on. To be a young boy and wild As any wanderin' story-child?

A boy's summer, gold and blest, A fish pole where it's handiest, A dash across the meadow streams, A top, a spool, contraption schemes—A pathway to the "hi-holes" perch—A whistle made of silver birch For Pan to pipe the roundelay! That sing of boyhood's summer days!

A boy's summer! See that sign—Or ain't your eyes good as mine?—Two fingers up that o'ertop The penny rime and jimson crop, An' tempt some youngin' 'til he must Go trappin' off through dappled dew Or paths that only younguns know, Where boys can swim in birthday clothes!

A boy's summer? God above, I know what you're thinkin' of! For us that's old an' growin' white An' failin' in our sense an' sight, You fashion golden days like these, So'st we can set beneath the trees, An' lookin' yonder through the haze An' dream of boyhood's summer days:—John D. Wells, in Buffalo News.

INTRODUCING JERRY.

Some of those pacifists who are more pacific than President Wilson himself, remind us of Jerry Henry (colored). Jerry called at the capitol the other day and asked Police-
man Cole at the Senate door to direct to the President. Instead, the policeman sent him to the guardroom, where Jerry made the natural mistake of taking the sergeant-in-charge for Mr. Wilson. It was Jerry's idea that he was sent by God to urge the President to force through Congress laws to dry up the ocean so that no submarines could operate and endanger, not lives alone, but the peace of the United States. Jerry even explained how the ocean should be dried up. We saw the news about Jerry in a recent issue of the Washington Star. So far as we know, no other person has really gone to the bottom of things like Jerry and made a proposal which, besides ending the submarine murders, would relieve us all of the heavy charge the navy is upon our national purse. Jerry is right as rain in his idea—what use is the ocean anyway?—and the only trouble is he is ahead of his times and unappreciated. We hope that the Emergency Peace Federation will take up Jerry's case. His present address is: Mr. Jerry Henry, Asylum Hospital, Washington, D. C., Collier's.

PACIFISTS OPENING THEIR EYES.

Many well-meaning and by no means unpatriotic persons, who are opposed to war if by any honorable means it can be avoided, are finding it extremely difficult to determine where pacifism ends and pro-Germanism begins. They see, for one thing, that virtually every pro-German publication in the United States, while defending Prussian militarism, is upholding all the military acts of Germany, at the same time voicing strenuous opposition to any steps toward adequate preparedness for national defense on the part of the United States. The pro-Germans use identically the same arguments against preparedness and against the armed assertion and defense of American rights as are used by the American pacifists, but, of course, with a different object in view. Gradually some of the pacifists are beginning to get their eyes open and to see wherein it is to the advantage of Germany to have the United States helpless and unprepared.—Springfield Union.

EASY TO STUFFLE OFF.

If you are tired of life just don't take poison or buy a revolver, just ship as a neutral sailor aboard a neutral vessel loaded with a non-contraband cargo consigned to a neutral port.—Palmouth Enterprise.

HOW TO DEFEND OUR COASTS

To defend our frontier we need three fleets: an Atlantic fleet, a Caribbean fleet, and a Pacific fleet, and the three should be approximately of the same composition. In case of war in the Atlantic, the Atlantic and Caribbean fleets would work together and the Pacific fleet would be drawn upon and handled as the Pacific problem permitted. In case of war in the Pacific, the Caribbean fleet would pass through the canal to the Pacific, and the Atlantic fleet would be drawn upon and handled as the Atlantic problem permitted.

The composition of each of these three fleets should be such that by a junction of two of them we could hope to meet, with fair prospect of victory, any force that could, in reason, be brought to bear against our naval frontier. This condition would seem to be met by a main fighting strength, for each fleet, of two squadrons of dreadnaughts and one of battle-cruisers, each squadron composed of nine ships; one fast scout for each dreadnaught, to locate the enemy and work with destroyers, and two destroyers for each capital ship. When this ideal is attained (if ever) we could bring to bear in either ocean a minimum effective fleet of thirty-six dreadnaughts, eighteen cruiser-battle-ships, thirty-six scouts and 108 destroyers. Of course, in addition to these there should be a more or less extensive fleet of auxiliaries, fuel ships, ammunition ships, food ships, repair ships, hospital ships, mine layers, transports, tugs and tenders.

There remains to be determined the number of submarines and air craft needed to complete our defense. The

scope of activity of naval air craft is still largely problematical, but we are safe in assuming that we need at least two effective machines for each scout and that probably three machines are necessary to insure that one may always be effective. This would give us in all a very modest air-fleet of 324 machines, or an effective fleet at all times of 108 machines.

When we come to discuss submarines we take up a vast subject. Much that has to do with submarines is confidential, much is guesswork and much is faith. Yet no one denies that they are a powerful and increasingly influential weapon of warfare, but chiefly in defense. Submarines should not be required or expected to work continuously, and probably one day in three on duty is sufficiently taxing.

If one will glance at our naval frontier he will see behind it at various places points of manifest strategic value, as New York harbor, Delaware bay, etc. Each of these points should at all times be covered by not less than three submarines, which make nine, based on each of these strategic points, that could come out when summoned to actual attack. Of these strategic points that really go to make up our naval frontier (leaving out Guam and the Philippines), there are twenty, which give us for our required number of submarines, 180.

The outline here given of what constitutes for us an adequate navy may seem to many Americans extreme, but there is only one standard of comparison for navies, and that is other navies.—Lieutenant-Commander L. A. Cotten, in The North American Review.

TODAY 20 YEARS AGO

The West Oakland Free Kindergarten Association held its annual meeting in the First Congregational church. Mrs. Robert Watt was elected president.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mastick and daughter of Alameda are in Arizona for a month for the benefit of the latter's health.

The action of the Army and Navy Republican League in expelling Colonel McElroy, his son, J. L. Roundey and Ira Underwood promises to bring about a sensation.

Captain R. P. Thomas, the Berkeley capitalist, is planning a scenic railway to extend from his home, La Loma Park, in North Berkeley, to the summit of Grizzly Peak.

L'Alliance Francaise will soon be established in Berkeley for free education in the French language, it is announced.

WORLD'S MOST PRIMITIVE PEOPLE.

In endurance and speed the Australian aborigine is not the equal of the American Indian, and his weapons of wood and poorly fashioned stones are effective only at short range, but marvellously adjusted to his environment. His success lies in an intimate knowledge of the habits of animals on land, in the ground, in trees, and under water, and his wonderfully developed powers of observation. He decoys pelicans by imitating their cries, catches ducks by diving below them, locates an opossum in a tree by marks on the bark or by the flight of mosquitoes, finds snakes by observing the action of birds, and follows a bee to its store of honey. Any animal which leaves a track, however dim, in sand, on rock, or in grass, falls an easy prey to the black-tailed native. Children are taught to track lizards and snakes over bare rocks and to find their absent mother by following tracks too indistinct to serve as a guide for a European. When a white man is lost in the desert or a child strays from home, the final resort is to secure a "black tracker."—National Geographic Magazine.

GOLF IN WINTER

Perhaps you've tried to get a little taste of life this winter playing on a department-store putting course. They have such things and some folks say they are fun. The floorwalker is the green keeper and referee and if you ask for the nineteenth hole a gentlemanly clerk will show you to the soda fountain.

Some few heroes—men of iron mold they may get out and play in the snow if they can't afford to go south. A man that will play golf among snowdrifts is a thirty-third degree fan. Snow golfers just stand with their noses against the pane, waiting for winter to go. It helps a little to stop and peer into the store windows down town where they have piles of balls and clubs. A real golfer will stand and look in a window at clubs and shoes and never know that his feet are frozen to the pavement.—Cartoons Magazine.

FARMERS BUY AUTOS.

It is natural, when one studies the situation, that the farmers of the country should now be buying half the automobiles that are on the market. Aside from the fact that the farmer has had a year of exceptional prosperity and that the distances he travels make some vehicles an economic necessity, he is in a better position to keep an auto at a minimum expense than is the city man. In the first place, he is likely to be somewhat of a mechanic and will do a good deal of his own repair work, being forced by his distance from town to rely on his own resources. Then he is likely to have a barn or a shed already built, and will be put to no expense for the building or rent of a garage. Almost every time he goes anywhere he saves time that is an asset in his business. If he is wise, possession of the auto enables him to reduce the number of his horses sufficiently to pay for the gasoline he consumes. The city man has no such offsets, and unless he uses the auto in his business he must figure on a clear added expense.—Portland Oregonian.

Vegetables are going higher. Seems proper time to investigate the local.

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ATHLETIC NIGHT TO BE STAGED AT U C

Blue and Gold Athletes to Display Ability With Stuffed Gloves Tuesday Night.

University of California athletic followers will have an opportunity of witnessing something stirring in the line of sports on the Bear campus Tuesday night when the 1917 Interclass Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing tournament will be staged.

Marcus Freed, old-time tutor of the barquais of Queensbury art, will have charge of the boxing matches—while the figure to be the big feature of the evening.

Eight different classes will be repr

Each class—Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors—will have two more huskies in action, all trying to make the 115, 125, 135, 145, and 155 pound classes to the unlimited division. Each class—Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors—will have two more huskies in action, all trying to make the 115, 125, 135, 145, and 155 pound classes to the unlimited division.

Prominent among the heavyweights are Gordon, colored football sensation who is reputed to be some "pumpkins" with the stuffed gloves, and George Blewett. Gordon will represent the Junior class and Blewett the "frosh."

seniors, with J. M. Maguire defending the upper classmen in the 145 and 150 divisions. J. R. Spum, '18, and J. R. Spum, '20, are also slated to give-an-ake 'em.

Walter Christle, Blue and Gold tra

The mat artists of the Bear Institute will attract a great deal of interest, to The U. C. has several likely grapple and it is expected that some hot competition will result. Gene Van Court, famed wrestling critic, will judge the bouts.

The Gymnastic Club, together with talk by Walter Christie on 1917 tra prospects, will make up the program. The events will be staged by the physical department of the university, while contests to commence at 8 o'clock.

Saint Track Team to Meet San Jos

Coach Fritsch will take this opportunity to try out some new material which has been showing promise in practice. Among the new faces on the varsity team are Bergna, who is showing lots of stuff in the javelin throw; Murphy, who can do the sprints in fast times.

and the 220. Fuller, the man from Mission High, has been cleaning up in longer distances in all the preliminary meets and looks like the best bet for the mile and a half. McLaren has been going over the hurdles in nifty form as

shorter distances and Coach Fritsch expects a great deal from him in the meet this year. The meet will be called 3:30.

Basketball Title

CHICAGO, March 12.—Victory for the University of Minnesota basketball team over Northwestern University tonight will permit the Gopher five to share

The title, if Minnesota is beaten, will go to Illinois, which has finished the season with ten victories and two defeats. Minnesota has won nine and lost two games. The season will close Thursday.

San Antonio, Tex.—Advertisement. | Diego Pacific coast championships.

meet in a ten-round bout here on April 17, according to an announcement today.

was greeted with a long single to center and that he was all primed up
er by Schreiber which scored two more.

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GLEW FOUND TO BARRETT MURDER

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—The Barrett murder mystery at a farm near Santa Monica is forcefully before the public again today, following the discovery of a human leg, with the flesh dry and withered at Santa Monica. The limb, which is believed that of a woman, was on a trash pile under a bridge.

Officials are today working on the theory that the gruesome find may be a portion of the body of Mrs. Irene Barrett, whose husband, Benton L. Barrett, is in jail, following his confession that he killed his wife and stepson and burned both of their bodies. Since then Barrett repudiated his confession saying he was hypnotized. He is awaiting trial in April.

\$50,000 DIAMONDS STOLEN FROM BOSTON STATION

BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE.

BOSTON, March 12.—A trunk containing \$50,000 worth of diamonds shipped from New York to Boston has been stolen. It became known this afternoon. The greatest secrecy is maintained about the matter at police headquarters. The authorities refused to give out either the names of the shippers of the diamonds or the person to whom they were sent in Boston. The trunk reached Boston yesterday afternoon. It disappeared some time between its arrival and the hour today when it was called for at the South station.

Aahmes' Band to Give Concert; Program Novel



PROF. JOHN SMITH.

Aahmes' band, the famous musical organization of the local order of the Mystical Shrine, will give a concert at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Fifteenth and Madison streets, on Wednesday evening, March 21, at 8 o'clock.

Professor John Smith, the leader and instructor of Aahmes' Band, has arranged with the executive committee for a splendid program and some specially attractive features which will make their concert an event in Masonic circles.

The concert is free to all Shriners and Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies.

Adamson Decision Once More Postponed

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Decision on the constitutionality of the Adamson railroad law was again postponed today by the Supreme Court.

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FORTUNE TELLER SLAYS HIMSELF

"Professor Zoroaster" Jumps
Into Bay; Action Is
Mystery.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Throwing himself into the bay near Giant, Contra Costa county, yesterday afternoon, Edwin G. Beck, known as "Professor Zoroaster" of 1794 Post street, a reader of horoscopes and fortune teller, committed suicide after two attempts of a similar character had been frustrated on the previous day by Constable John Moltoza. The body was washed ashore at the mouth of Willcat Creek and found there by employees of the power works.

Beck was taken before Justice of the Peace Chichester on Saturday by Constable Moltoza. He said that his name was Jacob Schlessbroth and that his name had made life so unendurable that he wanted to end it all. He was released upon his promise that he would think better of his suicidal plan.

Beck was about 50 years of age and lived alone. In his rooms were found numerous letters addressed to "Zoroaster," many of them acknowledging receipt of horoscopes and mentioning the enclosures of \$20 in payment therefor. According to the landlady, most of his clients were women. He seemed to be in no financial distress.

Pastor Answers Call to Oakland April 1

Rev. Frank M. Silsley of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Seattle, has accepted the call to the First Presbyterian church of this city and will occupy the pulpit here for the first time April 1. Deacons were notified of his acceptance by telegram, which was read to the congregation during the service yesterday morning.

Rev. Silsley succeeds Rev. Frank J. Goodspeed, who resigned a year ago. During a large part of the time the pulpit has remained vacant. Rev. Franklin Rhoda, formerly of the Fruitvale Presbyterian church, took over the charge of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Rhoda said today nothing would be done in regard to his being given another church until Rev. Silsley comes here.

Officers Are Named by Democratic Club

Officers were elected by the Jefferson Club, the official Democratic association of Alameda county, at a meeting Saturday night. They are: President, W. B. Bunker; first vice-president, Isadore Cohen; second vice-president, R. H. Adams; third vice-president, F. N. Doty; treasurer, M. A. McInnis; financial secretary, J. W. Dignan; directors—Clyde D. Abbott, A. W. Peam, George Beck, R. B. Bell, H. W. Brunk, J. J. Callaghan, J. Walter Lyman, Walter F. Hayes, H. E. Harwood, J. C. Lane Jr., J. J. McDonald, A. T. McDonough, H. H. McPike, R. B. Myers, C. A. Ornbaum, W. C. Price, Joseph J. Rosborough, Dave Stewart, T. A. Whitney, Charles H. White, H. A. Whitney, L. L. Ormsby and John N. Calkins Jr.

Mrs. E. Burroughs to Be Buried Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning for Mrs. Elizabeth Burroughs, wife of Rev. Everett J. M. Burroughs, retired pastor of the First Baptist church, who died Saturday night at the family home, 949 Thirty-fourth street. Rev. William Keeney Townner will officiate.

Mrs. Burroughs came to California with her husband in the early 50s. She was a leader in church and charitable work on this side of the bay. The couple celebrated their golden wedding three years ago. Besides her husband, Mrs. Burroughs is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Archie Currie, Mrs. Carry Hall, Mrs. J. E. Trewhitt and her son, J. N. Burroughs.

Sack of Garlic Is Found by Policeman

Strong evidence that a theft was committed was discovered by Patrolman W. I. Hodgkins last night in the vicinity of Third and Grove streets. He came across a sack which, upon investigation, proved to contain garlic. He suspected that it had been removed from a market in the vicinity, and it is being held at the central station pending identification by the owner. Officer Hodgkins at first thought that the sack contained onions, and that he had made a valuable find.

Dardanelles Report Changed by Cabinet

LONDON, March 12.—Replying to a question by Winston Churchill, formerly first lord of the admiralty, Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law, declared in the House of Commons today that the Lloyd George cabinet was responsible for "certain excisions" in the recently published report of the commission appointed to investigate the Dardanelles campaign. Churchill was one of those on whom the commission blamed some of the mistakes of the Dardanelles operations.

Grief for Son Is Cause of Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Grief over the disappearance of his 14-year-old son led Harry Rettberg, aged 45, to end his life in the Hotel Garfield today. He was found dead in an apartment he had occupied for several months. Gas burners in a stove had been turned on. About a week ago the boy ran away and since that time Rettberg has been despondent.

Archbishop 'Speaks' to Deaf and Dumb

Rev. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna addressed 200 students of St. Joseph's Home for the Deaf and Dumb by means of an interpreter, at a reception given yesterday afternoon by the Epiphany Society, organized to assist the sisters in the maintenance of the home. The affair was held in the school auditorium, Fortieth and Telegraph avenue.

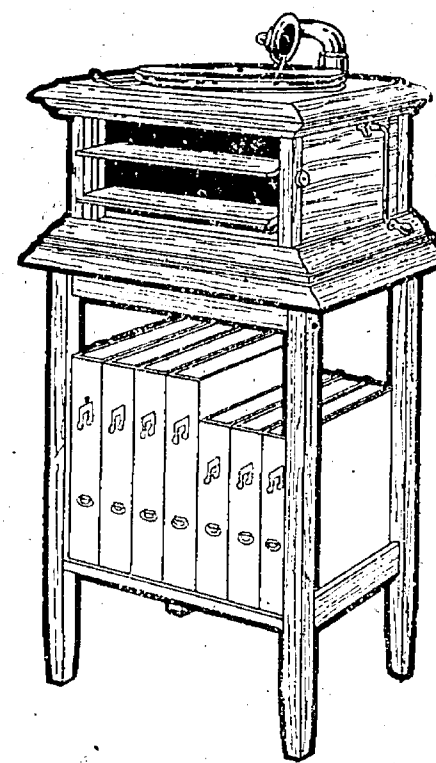
Frederick Kruse Dies at Vallejo Hospital

VALLEJO, March 12.—Frederick Kruse died late Saturday afternoon at the Vallejo general hospital. He was a prominent member of Santa Lodge of Masons, and will be buried under the auspices of that order today.

The pneumonia season. The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask any one who has used it. For sale by Good Bros. Drug Stores.—Advertisement.

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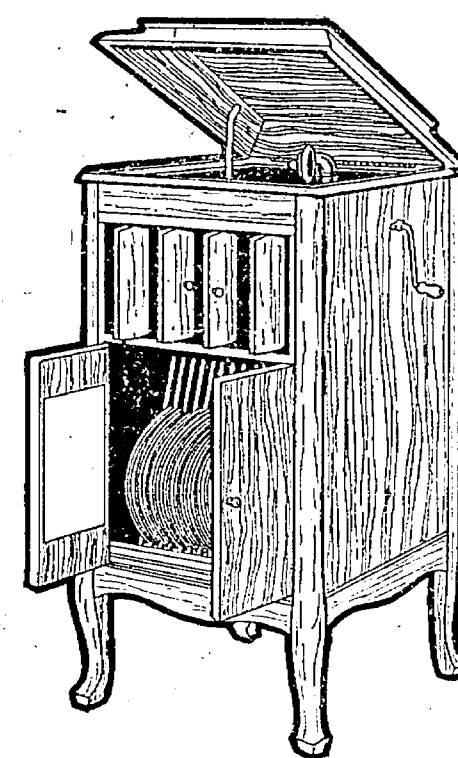
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APRONS—Assorted light and
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aprons—special
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of silver and fancy ball drop ends. All
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WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS—Sheer material.
Plain with rever edge; others with white or colored
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In all colors. This is the 25c
kind—special for
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WOMEN'S PHOENIX SILK
ROSES—Black and Spring
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sell them at..... **69c**

BOYS' SCHOOL BLOUSES—
Plain or striped gingham,
auto collars. Ages 5 to 14
years. Special..... **29c**

40-inch VOILE—Fancy sport
stripes and small even
stripes. Special at..... **11c**

27-inch RATTISTE—White
ground with small floral and
striped patterns. Fine
sheer quality. Yard..... **10c**

38-inch VOILE—Fine sheer
quality. Fancy figured and
plaid patterns. Yard..... **29c**

30-inch FIGURED PLEISSE
CREPE—White ground with
small floral patterns. 25c
value at, yard..... **17c**

FANCY WASH SILKS—All the newest styles. Hand-
some silk-mixed fabric, 36 inches wide. Yard..... **18c, 65c and 69c**

RICE CLOTH—36 inches wide. White ground
with large dots. Yard..... **25c**

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Another lot of new Spring Suits in navy and
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All are new styles, including Jersey Suits. These
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